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**DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: CIRCUIT FOR OPERATING A VALVE CLOSURE SYSTEM, the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 CFR §1.56(a).

Domestic Priority Claim: I also claim the priority of provisional application Ser. No. 60/430,490, filed 02 December 2002.

Power of Attorney: As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following Registered Patent Attorney to file and prosecute this application and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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